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Please amend the above-captioned application as follows:

In the Specification:

*Please delete the two paragraphs on page 41, lines 7-11 and replace with the following
paragraph (a marked up version of this paragraph is included in Attachment A).*

Figure A-2 is an example of one embodiment of a multilevel business processing
relationship to be modeled in an FSO business system;

Please delete the paragraphs on page 62, line 1 to page 66, line 15.